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1. US, UK, and France to consult on Berlin problem--The Department of State has notified US Ambassador Douglas in London that the US agrees to the French Government's request, endorsed by UK Foreign Secretary Bevin, for consultation in London "as soon as practicable" on the Berlin problem.

2. Estimate on US-UK air lift to Berlin--US Ambassador Douglas transmits an estimate that the US-UK air lift to Berlin after 1 July will amount to about 1,250 tons a day, or roughly 36,000 tons a month. Douglas warns, however, that this estimated capability may be affected by weather conditions and other factors. The Department of State has informed Douglas that US military authorities believe that it would be difficult to make an estimate at the present time on the air lift and feel that the revelation of such data to the USSR, as Foreign Secretary Bevin proposed to do in a statement before the House of Commons, would perhaps be unwise.

(CIA Comment: Although minimum food and coal needs have been estimated at 4,000 tons daily--2,000 food and 2,000 coal--the 100% increase over previous estimates of 600 to 750 tons strengthens the possibility that starvation in the city can be further delayed.)

3. Spaak suspects USSR seeks basis for negotiations--Belgian Premier Spaak has expressed to US Ambassador Kirk the view that the recent communique issued by the Soviet-Satellite meeting in Warsaw includes some indications that on certain points the USSR is seeking some basis upon which negotiation might be possible. Spaak feels that the western powers should demand a clarification of the "Warsaw communique," both to verify this possibility and to make clear to the German people the "barren and scanty performance" of the USSR. Spaak fears that unless the communique is answered soon, the western powers may appear "too adamant and too unresponsive."

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4. Implications of possible approach to west by Tito--The US Military and Naval Attaches in Belgrade, in raising the question of possible approaches by Marshal Tito for US support against the USSR, recommend the "boldest possible exploitation" of any such defection in "the keystone of the Soviet-Satellite structure." The Attaches believe that in withstanding Soviet pressure Tito would have good prospect of success if given full support from the west. The Attaches, however, recommend that the US take action only through propaganda until approached by the Yugoslavs.

(CIA Comment: Although Tito may extend cautious feelers to the west, it is more probable that he will postpone any direct request for western support until the Kremlin has definitely closed all further avenues for a rapprochement. If the Kremlin denies the implied request for direct contact made in his 29 June answer to the Cominform resolution, Tito may then be forced to seek western aid against Soviet retaliation.)

5. US to consider Norwegian and Danish security--The Department of State has instructed the US Ambassadors in Oslo and Copenhagen to assure the Norwegian and Danish Governments that the security of those countries will be "much in mind" during the exploratory discussions (which will begin 6 July) pursuant to the Vandenberg resolution. The Department hopes that no action will be taken to render more difficult Norwegian and Danish --and eventually Swedish-- participation in western European security arrangements in association with the US.
6. US UN delegation estimate of Palestine situation--The US delegation to the UN, in an extended comment on the Palestine situation, reports that key UN delegates are agreed that sooner or later UN Mediator Bernadotte will be confronted with basically extreme and irreconcilable Jewish and Arab positions and that at this point US-UK influence will be essential to bring the Jews and Arabs together. The delegation feels that: (a) prolongation of the truce--preferably a six-month extension--is essential to

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working out a settlement; (b) full sovereignty for Israel is a minimum requirement for peaceful adjustment; (c) Abdallah is the chief bargaining factor on the Arab side and consequently Transjordan should receive US recognition; and (d) the boundaries of Israel recommended in the UN partition resolution should be revised and guaranteed internationally.

Prolongation of truce considered unlikely--The Saudi Arabian Deputy Foreign Minister has told US Minister Childs in Jidda that he is "under the impression" that the Arab states will not accept a prolongation of the UN Palestine truce. Meanwhile, US Charge Patterson in Cairo reports that Arab League officials, including Secretary General Azzam Pasha, are pessimistic over the prospects of the acceptance by either Arabs or Jews of the "peace proposals" drawn up by UN Mediator Bernadotte.

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7. GERMANY: Alleged plans for east German government--

(a) an east German government, to be called an "All German Government," will be announced in the near future; (b) Otto Nuschke, member of the Christian Democratic Union and co-chairman of the Volksrat (People's Council), will be the Prime Minister; (c) indications are that the USSR intends to have the Volksrat emerge as a ready-made government; and (d) the co-secretary of the Volksrat is working on a draft peace treaty which must be ready for submission to the People's Congress in September.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the USSR has drawn up plans for an east German state which, in its provisional nature and approximate timing, will ostensibly parallel the scheduled west German government. The implementation of the Soviet plan, however, probably will be delayed until the USSR can "justify" its action by claiming that the western powers have ignored the plea for German unification in the Warsaw communique.)

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